

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC FORUM ON THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Time: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Maryland Health Care Commission
Conference Room 100
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

The Maryland Health Care Commission's Certificate of Need (CON) Task Force will hold a Public Forum on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 100 at the Commission offices, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215 to obtain public comment on the Maryland CON Program.

The Task Force is interested in obtaining public comment on: (1) modifications in the scope of services and facilities regulated under the CON program; (2) enhancements in the CON application review process; and, (3) enhancements in the monitoring of CON projects under development.

Persons wishing to speak will register on the day of the Public Forum. The time permitted for testimony from individuals and testimony presented on behalf of organizations may be limited. The Task Force encourages organizations that plan to participate in the public forum to consider panel presentations. The Task Force will also accept written comments on the CON program until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2005. Written comments should be sent to: Commissioner Robert E. Nicolay, Chairman, Certificate of Need Task Force, Maryland Health Care Commission, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

The Task Force will consider oral and written comments received as part of the Public Forum in formulating their recommendations to the Commission. The Task Force Report and recommendations will be submitted to the Commission in September 2005. Those recommendations will be circulated for public comment before final Commission action in November 2005. Following final adoption, the Commission will develop and approve a plan to implement recommendations regarding modifications to administrative, regulatory, and statutory provisions governing the CON program.

Additional information about the Public Forum may be obtained from Pamela W. Barclay, Interim Executive Director, Maryland Health Care Commission at 410-764-5982; e-mail: pbarclay@mhcc.state.md.us

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